



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

January 4 – 6:30 PM Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

January 12 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

January 21 – 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission at 3316 Faith Church Rd

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

JANUARY 5, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

JANUARY 7, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK S.A.G.E.S.

JANUARY 8, 7:00 PM, FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FREE TAX WORKSHOP

JANUARY 11, 7:00 -8:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

JANUARY 18, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)

JANUARY 20, 7:00 PM, 6800 CONIFER

Lake Park Swim Team

The Lake Park Parks and Recreation Commission is considering the possibility of starting a swim team for the village. If you are interested in having a swim team for ages 6 & under through 18 years old, please make sure you fill out the attached flier and return it to Lake Park Office or send a response back via email to:

cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov

Re: Swim Team

More information will be available based on community interest.

Response is important !

New Council Seated

New Council Member, David Cleveland

At the start of December's Council meeting, the newly-elected council members were sworn in. Incumbent mayor, Kendall Spence took the oath of office administered by Village Clerk, Cheri Clark. Mr. Spence then led Sandra Coughlin as she took the oath as a Council Member for the third time. The mayor also swore in the newest member of the council, David Cleveland for his first term. The Council would also like to thank Clint Newton for his service to the Council and to the village during his term.

Village Responsibilities

What is the Lake Park Council's Role?

Our Mayor and Council members take an oath of office at the beginning of each elected term to uphold local, state and federal laws as their primary responsibility. Village responsibilities also include village tax collection, municipal budget decisions, municipal contracts for village services, local ordinance enactment and enforcement, holding regular public meetings and special public hearings for budgets, ordinances and major projects, implementing federal and state mandated programs in the local community, and filing the annual budget with the State Treasurer. Other services include maintaining public property, sponsoring selected events (July 4th Celebration, Christmas Tree Lighting, Chili Cookoff) and promoting economic development for the community. The Mayor appoints responsibilities among the Council members to ensure that each area is championed responsibly.

The Lake Park Council hires a finance officer, legal counsel and the village clerk and tax collector. However, our Village relies upon county services for water and sewer, fire and police protection, and zoning codes. Service contracts must be put out for

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public bid. These include waste collection, parks and pools maintenance, road repairs, and street lighting. NC allots a portion of state revenue (fuel and sales taxes) to the village. Fuel tax revenue is limited to road and sidewalk maintenance.

The Village Council has established permanent commissions (Economic Development, Parks and Recreation) to maintain perpetual programs to benefit the community. The Village Council establishes temporary task forces from time to time to research and propose solutions prior to Council taking an action upon important projects or procedures. Volunteers may be drawn from the community to serve on commissions and task forces.

Many unofficial volunteers, local clubs and various homeowner associations also enrich village life through individual complementary events or services such as clean up projects, holiday decorating, trips or celebrations as needs and interests arise within the community.

The Village Clerk, Tax Collector & Village Administrator maintains the village office, correspondence and public records for Council and Commissions for public meetings, and is an active liaison with federal, state and county agencies for census, tax records, and stormwater projects. The office is open to serve the community weekdays 9a-12n so citizens may reserve public facilities, contractors fulfill requirements, and for resident questions. A Finance Officer and a Village Attorney provide vital support services to the Council.

What is Stormwater?

Due to laws enacted recently by the federal government, Lake Park is required to manage stormwater within the village. Here is a definition of the term:

Stormwater: The flow of water that results from precipitation and which occurs immediately following rainfall or as a result of snowmelt.

When a rainfall event occurs, several things can happen to the precipitation. Some of the precipitation infiltrates into the soil surface, some is taken up by plants, and some is evaporated into the atmosphere. Stormwater is the rest of the precipitation that runs off land surfaces and impervious areas.

Stormwater runoff accumulates pollutants such as oil and grease, chemicals, nutrients, metals, and bacteria as it travels across land. Heavy precipitation or snowmelt can also cause sewer overflows that may contaminate water sources with untreated human and industrial waste, toxic materials, and other debris.

For Your Information

Christmas Tree Collection

Live Christmas trees may be placed on the curb by 7:00 AM on any Thursday for pickup after Christmas. Reminder: ALL trim, tinsel, etc. MUST be removed for trees to be collected.

Any Lake Park Soldiers Away for the Holidays?

Leave your soldier's name and mailing address at 704-882-9692 (Sandy Coughlin) or 704-882-8657 (Village Clerk), so Village Council can mail a holiday greeting to your soldier, expressing Lake Park's appreciation and a word of cheer.

Economic Development News

Angela Williams, CPA and member of the Lake Park Economic Development Commission, will present a free one-hour meeting offering 2009 tax preparation tips for both individuals and business owners at Lake Park's Third Annual Tax Workshop. The workshop will be held in the Community Center on January 11, 2009 from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend to learn more about the tax laws and changes for 2009.

Car Break-ins in Lake Park and Surrounding Areas

Due to recent break-ins of unlocked cars, Deputies Clough and Haywood remind everyone to keep your car doors locked.